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Governor Christopher S. Bond signed a proclamation on 16 July making the month of July Civil Air Patrol month in Missouri. Present at the signing were (L to R) Jack Plympton, Capitol City Composite Squadron; C/LT Tamara Joseph, Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron; Col D. N. Fulton, former Wing Commander; Gov Bond; C/TSG Robert Deming, Tri-County Composite Squadron; LTC William Winkert, Wing Commander; Col L. D. Armstrong, USAF, North Central Region Liaison Officer; CPT Larry Kuban, Wing Staff; and Maj Charles Dick, Missouri Wing Liaison Officer.

WING CONFERENCE PLANNED

The schedule of events for the Missouri Wing Conference has been decided, according to LTC N. J. Knutz, project officer. The conference will be held 12 October at the Ramada Inn in Columbia.

Following is the agenda for the session:

1000 hours, general meeting, with remarks by LTC Winkert and Maj Dick.

1300 hours, general meeting, briefings by Wing section chiefs (to end at 1600).

1800 hours, cocktails
1900 hours, dinner and award ceremonies.

Registration fee for the conference will be \$2. Cost of the dinner has not been determined. Reservation cards, for those members desiring to remain overnight, will be mailed to each squadron by Wing Headquarters. Members wishing reservations are urged to obtain them as soon as possible because of other activities in Columbia that same weekend.

McConnell AFB Hosts Three-Wing Encampment

The joint Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska encampment was held 1-7 August at McConnell AFB, Kansas. Host wing was Kansas, and encampment commander was LTC R. C. Weinsaft.

Of the 93 persons attending, 55 were from Kansas, 19 from Missouri, 18 from Nebraska, and one from Iowa. The Iowa member, CPT Judy Miller, is an Air Force Nurse stationed at McConnell. The Missouri group included 16 cadets and three senior members.

Honor Flight for the encampment was C Flight. Mike Powell, Springfield Composite Squadron, was chosen Missouri honor cadet. The awards were given at a picnic held the last day. The parade and banquet for the encampment were held on Sunday, 4 August. LTC Al Broz, USAFR, was reviewing officer; Kansas Wing Commander Col Rowland and Missouri Wing Chief of Staff LTC N. J. Knutz were guests at the banquet.

Among the activities were an orientation ride on a T-29 and tours of the base and a missile site. Training oriented toward Civil Air Patrol included search and rescue, the CAP program (for new cadets), and the Jaycee's "Leadership in Action" program.

COMMANDER COMMENTS

LTC W. T. Winkert

After a little longer than a month as Interim Wing Commander, I wish to say thanks. It was a long step from squadron to wing. To those dedicated people in the field, and especially the Wing staff, I extend my appreciation.

A change of command is always a time of "What happens next?" I wish to set forth some of my thoughts along these lines. We use the word goals frequently, and this will not change; however, we must all from time to time review both our long and short range goals. My long range goal is to see Missouri Wing as Number 1. I hope that each and every CAP member in Missouri has this same goal. Pride in being number one can be a wonderful payment for long hours and hard work. To reach this goal, three short range goals must first be met.

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Goal 1: The Cadet Program. I am open to suggestions on this goal. Please feel free to jot your suggestions down and send them to me at Wing. Any idea that will increase the overall cadet retention and participation rate will not be rejected.

Goal 2: Finances. This may be met through contributions or donations or just plain hard work. There are some ambitious programs that will need additional funding. Some involve flying and transportation costs. Ideas on fund raising will also be considered.

Goal 3: Senior Recruiting. Col Don Fulton is the project leader on both senior and cadet recruiting. I am sure he will appreciate any worthwhile suggestion.

These are three short term goals that, with the cooperation of the Missouri Wing CAP, can be met.

It has been said before, and it bears repeating, that Wing is a service and a direction agency for the squadrons, but it is the squadron level that does the work. In this light I promise that Wing will not delay in getting answers to your requests. It may not always be the answer you are seeking, but it will be an answer. This is a two-way street however, for if we do not know about it at the Wing we cannot help you. Put it in writing and I, along with the Wing Staff, will do my best to come up with a solution. Be it a supply requisition, an aircraft request, a promotion request, or a suggestion for improvement in the squadrons, we will try to help you with any problems or programs. Just let us know how we can be of service.

The future holds much in store for CAP members in Mis-

souri. Some of the future programs will be fun, some educational, and some just plain self-satisfying. Plans are being made now for several programs, one of which is an all-girl seminar. There will also be an up-grade clinic for our pilots, and a working session for squadron commanders. As soon as the plans are finalized, word will be passed to you.

In communications, the Wing net will become an important tool. Each squadron not now on the net had best make arrangements to join as soon as possible. Messages will be passed from time to time about bonus activities. And Wing communications will help with equipment when possible. But if you don't get the word, don't say you weren't warned.

A final thought I would like to leave with you. My door is always open. If you are in town, please feel free to drop in. Visitors are always welcome.

LOGGING IN

Governor Bond proclaimed the month of July as Civil Air Patrol month in Missouri. A delegation was at the Governor's office for the official act. Following is a letter sent to LTC Winkert by the Governor:

"Thank you and all members of the Missouri Wing, Civil Air Patrol, for the plaque and honorary membership in this fine organization.

"It was good to see you in Jefferson City recently. Please pass along to all members of the Civil Air Patrol my appreciation for your good work.

"Sincerely,
Christopher S. Bond
Governor."

NATIONAL STAFF COLLEGE IS INTERESTING, REWARDING

(The following article was prepared by CPT Pauline Woods, Commander of Marshall Composite Squadron. She was the only person from Missouri Wing to attend the National Staff College this year, and tells how it was as a student. --Editor)

What a week! It began with the T-29 being an hour late, and ended with the T-29 being back an hour earlier than planned. But it is the time between those two events that really matters.

It was raining when we landed at Maxwell, their first rain in three weeks. While we stood under trees awaiting our bus, cadets that had been attending Cadet Officer School were being bussed to their planes. Imagine my surprise to hear a familiar voice call my name. The weather seemed a little less gloomy.

We were bussed to our area, assigned rooms, and given course materials. One of the first people I saw when I got to the table to be assigned to a seminar was Maj Anderson, Missouri Wing IO. Things were looking better all the time! I had expected to be one of four from our Wing, and was the only one. I was the lucky one of the four. I'm sorry they missed it.

One of the first announcements was, "Our base is experiencing a stomach flu epidemic. We don't want any heroes; if you don't feel well, report it at once." The Commandant of Students for the National Staff College was in the base hospital.

We were divided into groups (seminars) of 11 or 12 and

assigned a meeting room. I'm sure there were many fine people attending, but I'm convinced that I was in the best one. Our leader, LTC Arthur Reitnauer, is a math teacher in California and an outstanding leader. He commented near the end of the first afternoon that he had never seen any group of people begin to think as a group rather than individuals so quickly.

About half the time was spent listening to lectures, demonstrations, or video tapes; the rest of the time was spent in our seminar room discussing what we had heard or seen. We soon learned why they referred to the auditorium as the "big blue bedroom." A few of the presentations were conducive to napping, but most were quite good.

Much of the work was on management--time, materiel, and people. Much of the material used is in ECI 2C. Not everyone recognized it as such, but I had completed 2C about a year ago. This made it clearer, or was it that NSC made 2C clearer?

Some of our time in seminar was spent on a CAP problem we were given at random. We were to write a "staff report" on it. Each seminar

The Safety Spot

"Buckle Up For Safety" is more than a slogan. Australia recently passed a law which required all passengers in cars to wear safety belts. Passengers in cars built between 1965 and 1967 must wear lap belts, and all passengers in cars built since 1968 must wear both lap and shoulder belts. This law resulted in a 23% decline in traffic fatalities the first year it was in effect.



had a different problem. Ours was: CD is expecting a flood and wants a four week low profile surveillance of the area. What would our plan include? No one else had worked on such a problem. None of them knew what to look for, or that you could use the CD members as observers on such flights. Therefore, I felt that I could contribute my part. We didn't have Project X, so I'm still not positive what it is.

Receiving the Certificate of Achievement from Gen Westberg and the formal Dining Out was the icing on the cake.

Proficiency Certification Required of All Pilots

Lt Col Karl Hull, Wing Operations Officer, has issued a reminder that all pilots must have FAA certification of proficiency by 1 November 1974. This requirement applies to all ratings, including students of over 2 years.

The certification must be annotated in each pilot's log book. Col Hull emphasized that those not complying will be grounded.

He urged all CAP members to get this requirement completed early. "Don't wait until the last minute, because the instructors will be overloaded at that time," he said.

SQUADRON SHORTLINES

A land rescue training exercise was held 26-28 July at Pigeon Hill Wildlife Area near St Joseph. Among the 25 persons attending were 11 seniors and six cadets, representing Wing and Kansas City 1, Harry S. Truman, and St Joseph Composite Squadrons. Others attending represented the Highway Patrol Troop H, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Reserve, Red Cross, and the Emergency Preparedness Office. Two visitors also were at the training site during the exercise.

Fifteen persons attended the water safety exercise at Lake Pomme de Terre 21-23

Missouri Leads CAP In Communications

According to the semi-annual communications status report, Missouri Wing is leading the nation in communications, with a total of 185 points awarded by National Headquarters. Delaware Wing is second with 175 points.

Although gratified by the report, 1LT J. H. McElhany, Communications Officer, said it is imperative that the Wing score well in the National Communications Test. In addition to passing traffic and complying with national directives issued during the test, 50 percent of the Wing's land stations and 25 percent of ground mobile stations should participate.

July. Several learned to water ski and to pilot a power boat pulling skiers.

Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron participated in a parade in Belton in late June. Members parading were Gary Hasty, Tammy Joseph, Carl Major, Bill Denio, Kevin Jensen, Kathy Miles, Wanda Polson, and USMC Corporal Huston.

A new squadron has been chartered in Missouri Wing. We of ...VOLUNTEER congratulate the Creve Coeur Composite Squadron and its first commander, 2LT Robert L. Dalton.

Vehicle Insurance Fees

Squadrons and individuals having custody of corporate vehicles are reminded of the need to send their vehicle insurance payments to Wing on a timely basis. The payment is due 15 days before the beginning of each quarter.

CPT Walter Shotts, Transportation Officer, has said that consideration is being given to assessment of a late charge if payments are not on time. This can be avoided if payment is made with the vehicle report, CPT Shotts said.

Those not making the payments as required are in danger of losing their vehicles, he warned. "If payment is not made, vehicles will be picked up!" he said.

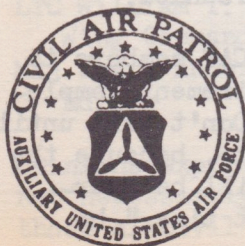
PERSONNEL-LY SPEAKING

Cadet CPT Gregory L. Hampton was recently presented the Amelia Earhart award by the Mayor of the City of St Louis John H. Poelker. The ceremony was held in the Mayor's office with Cadet Hampton's parents present. Hampton, a member for three years, is Cadet Commander of St Louis Composite Squadron 2. He plans to attend Parks Aeronautical College this fall.

CPT Gene Roseman has been named commander of Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron, replacing LTC Winkert, now serving as Wing Commander.

Three Wing Staff members were honored with awards in July. LTC William Winkert, Wing Commander, presented the Exceptional Service Award to LTC N. J. Knutz and the Meritorious Service Award to LTC J. J. Lehr and CPT Lu Cretia Knutz.

Lt William Abel and Lt Don Horrell, Falcon Composite Squadron, recently gave a CAP orientation lecture to seventh and eighth grade students of Epiphany of Our Lord Grade School, St Louis. The two discussed the cadet activities program and showed pictures of cadets in training and on an actual search and rescue mission. The CAP mission and cadet scholarship program were also explained. Response by the faculty and student body was excellent.



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